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09.11.2007 | Students, Campus and Community The award winners will be honored at a reception 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 with a reception and dinner in the Kennedy Union.

While the winners work in Dayton, Cincinnati, Kenya and beyond, all follow the University of Dayton's motto of learn, lead and serve, said Bill Hunt, assistant vice president of alumni relations.

"By recognizing these graduates, the National Alumni Association hopes to generate alumni pride and reflect on the true excellence of a UD education," Hunt said.

The 2007 University of Dayton Alumni Award winners are:

* David Phillips, Cincinnati — Phillips, a co-founder of Cincinnati Works Inc., will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his work in the community. Cincinnati Works Inc., which Phillips founded with his wife, Liane, helps people in poverty become self-sufficient by overcoming barriers to stable, long-term employment. He has served as board member or trustee for more than 50 community organizations and helped lead the merger of the Cincinnati Natural History Museum and the Historical Society. The 1962 accounting graduate chaired Cincinnati's Chamber of Commerce, the first accountant to do so. After retiring in 1994 as partner with Arthur Andersen after 32 years, he served five years as CEO of Downtown Cincinnati Inc., a nonprofit group dedicated to downtown revitalization.

* Bill Lorenz, Columbus — As an operations officer for the International Organization for Migration, Lorenz will receive a Christian Service Award. The nongovernmental organization's regional office, based in Kenya, oversees the movement of refugees accepted for resettlement in Canada, Australia and the United States. As an undergraduate finance major at UD, Lorenz learned about the people of Kenya from Brother Peter Daino, S.M.. After graduation in 1984, he joined the Peace Corps, went to Columbia University for graduate school and worked in a number of countries for nongovernmental organizations.

* Richard McBride, Dayton — President, CEO and co-founder of St. Mary Development Corp., the largest nonprofit provider of affordable housing in southwestern Ohio, McBride will receive a Christian Service Award. St. Mary Development has provided more than 2,400 affordable housing units, and 500 affordable senior housing units and has helped more than 250 families become homeowners. McBride also has served on the Social Action and World Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and helped to create housing for poor elderly in the former St. Leonard Seminary. He received his chemical engineering degree in 1957.

* Elizabeth Duell, Ann Arbor, Mich. — After a 30-year career in the University of Michigan Medical School, where she serves as professor emeritus, Duell will receive a Special Achievement Award. Duell's colleagues praise her national and international reputation as a researcher as well as her leadership as a longtime member of the Academic Women's Caucus, in which she remains active today. The 1958 biology graduate spent decades researching therapies for psoriasis, cancer and other diseases of the skin in which sun damage plays a significant role. The impact of her research, including more than 75 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, is seen in hospitals, pharmacies and over-the-counter drug aisles across the country.

* Joseph Hinrichs, Northville, Mich. — Described by the Detroit Free Press as "an unpredictable Whiz Kid," Hinrichs, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of North America manufacturing, will receive a Special Achievement Award. The 1989 electrical engineering graduate is in charge of increasing the efficiency of Ford's 41 vehicle assembly and powertrain plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. In the last 18 months, his efforts have saved more than \$500 million in operating costs annually. Part of Hinrich's job is reaching out to employees, where he hosts town-hall style meetings at factories so he can talk openly about the business realities facing Ford.